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SUBJ: DURBAN PORT INCREASES CONTAINER LIMIT

REF: DURBAN A-35 AND A-57

1. ON JULY 1 SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBORS INCREASED FROM 50 TO 110 NUMBER CONTAINERS WHICH MAY BE OFFLOADED FROM ANY ONE SHIP IN DURBAN. MOVE WILL HELP FARRELL AND LYKES AMERICAN FLAG LINES WHICH ALREADY HAVE CONTAINER-EQUIPPED SHIPS SERVING DURBAN. MOORE-MCCORMACK LINES AND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE LINE SHIPS, ALTHOUGH COMMITTED TO CONTAINERIZATION IN 1976, NOT YET PREPARED FOR CONTAINERIZED TRAFFIC.

2. COMMENT: INCREASED USE CONTAINERS COULD HELP EASE CONGESTION PROBLEM PROVIDED SAR & H CAN CLEAR TRAFFIC RAPIDLY, HOWEVER, LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO DURBAN CONGESTION NOT CONTAINERIZATION OR MORE FACILITIES, BUT GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN USE OF BLACK LABOR. MOORE-MCCORMACK REP HERE ESTIMATES DURBAN'S EXISTING FACILITIES COULD HANDLE TWICE PRESENT CARGO IF FACILITIES AND LABOR EFFICIENTLY MANAGED.
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